

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The California Environmental Protection Agency's (CalEPA) programs restore and protect environmental quality and protect public health. The agency coordinates state environmental regulatory programs and ensures fair and consistent enforcement of environmental law. The agency is comprised of the following five departments and boards:

- Air Resources Board
- Department of Pesticide Regulation
- State Water Resources Control Board
- Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

The Budget proposes \$1.76 billion (\$56.7 million General Fund) and 4,701 positions for CalEPA for 2011-12. This represents a decrease of \$71 million or 3.9 percent for all funds. General Fund expenditures decrease by \$12.2 million or 17.8 percent.

DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION

The Department of Pesticide Regulation protects public health and the environment by regulation all aspects of the sale and use of pesticides and by promoting reduced risk pest management strategies. The Department ensures compliance with pesticide laws

and regulations through its oversight of County Agricultural Commissioners, who enforce pesticide laws at the local level.

The significant Non-General Fund policy issue adjustment is:

- The Budget includes \$2.6 million from the Department of Pesticide Regulation Fund for enhanced analytical chemistry analyses and equipment at the Department of Food and Agriculture.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

The State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) and the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Boards) preserve and enhance the quality of California water resources and ensure proper allocation and effective use.

The significant General Fund solution is:

- Fund Shifts—The Budget proposes an ongoing General Fund reduction of \$12.8 million and a corresponding increase in the Waste Discharge Permit Fund and Water Rights Fund, with proposed statutory changes to authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to assess a fee for basin planning activities. The federal Clean Water Act requires basin plans to facilitate the discharge permit development pursuant to state and federal law.

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment protects and enhances public health and the environment through objective scientific evaluation of risks posed by hazardous substances. The Office performs risk assessments for various regulatory programs under the California Environmental Protection Agency, as well as other state and local agencies and provides these programs with the scientific tools and information for making management decisions.

The significant General Fund policy issue adjustment is:

- Proposition 65—The Budget includes a fund shift reducing expenditures by \$2.3 million from the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Funds and increasing General Fund support by \$2.3 million to sustain the program pursuant to Proposition 65 as authorized by the voters.